

From The Wing Commander's Desk





Warriors of the 124 FW! I hope you find this edition of the Beacon informative as we head into November drill and the start of our holiday season. As we ramp up our preparations for deployment, there are a ridiculous amount of things on our plates and as such it takes time and effort to think of others. I, like you, am always charging ahead but was reminded of the spirit of giving during the Red Cross blood drive that occurred here at Gowen in October. I realized how lucky I am to serve our country and state with the greatest Airmen of the Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force.

We, as citizen Airmen, have the opportunity to give back to our community through the many avenues and resources that reside within the Treasure Valley. The Veterans Affairs, local shelters, Operation Warm Heart, blood drives, Combined Federal Campaign – these are just a few ways we can contribute, ways that allow us to interact with our fellow community citizens and get to know each other better.

It's also a critical time for us as a family to look out for one another. The holidays can be a lonely time, especially for our members who do not have immediate family nearby. Please take the time to learn about your fellow airmen and ask them how they are doing. A simple question can go a long way in giving hope.

As we continue to prepare for next year and all the stress a deployment brings, we must remember to take care of each other as we are only able to do this together.

Finally, take time to think on all that we have been given as Americans, Idahoans, and Idaho Air National Guardsmen. I am proud of you all and everything you do – our nation and state are better for your efforts. Spend time with your families and friends, look out for one another, and recharge your batteries!

-Col. Tim Donnellan

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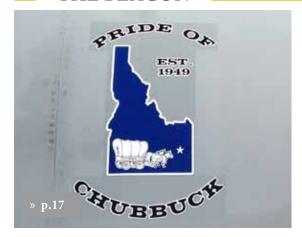
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OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

124TH FIGHTER WING



Message from our commander:

Congratulations to the 124 FW! I'm proud and excited to announce to you the 124 FW was awarded the Outstanding Unit Award for the period 2012 thru 2014! During this time your Medical Group conducted the first PHA Festival ever, the Maintenance Group received an excellent on their highly rigorous LCAP inspection, the Mission Support Group did phenomenal on their demanding ESHOCAMP inspection garnering "Best seen to date" practices in several areas. The Operations Group led the first overseas deployment for the 124 FW since 2008 and the Fighter Wing accomplished the ORI retake, re-establishing our role as the premiere Fighter Wing in the Combat Air Force! These are just a few of the many things you did during that time and along with many other significant accomplishments the 124 FW was recognized.

Brig. Gen. Michael Nolan and Maj. Gen. Gary Sayler have both asked me to relay their congratulations to the Fighter Wing, as they know first-hand the sacrifices and efforts it takes in this time of fiscal and future mission uncertainty. The 124 FSS is currently updating the records of all members assigned to the FW during that period so please check your records and wear your ribbon with pride - whether you're getting it for the first time or adding a device to the ribbon you already have. I'm extremely honored to serve with each and every one of you - America and Idaho are better as a result of your sacrifice!

-Col. Tim Donnellan

The Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Fighter Wing was recognized for a 2014 Outstanding Unit Award Oct. 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2014.

The secretary of the Air Force awards it to numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units.

All assigned or attached personnel who served with the 124th Fighter Wing from Oct. 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2014 are authorized wear of the AFOUA ribbon or appropriate cluster if they directly contributed to the mission and accomplishments of the organization in accordance with AFI 36-2803. Please check your Virtual MPF records to ensure they reflect the award-before wearing the ribbon.

PRIMARY UTA EVENTS





Saturday

0800 Expeditionary Skills Rodeo Bldg. 1530 0830 Enlisted Promotion Board, Bldg. 600 0900 Fitness Test, Bldg. 1530 0900 – 1130 Flu Mist, Bldg 440, Auditorium 1000 NCO Council Meeting – Bldg. 441, Next to HRO (Annex Building)

1000 R & R Brief, (CG Conference Room) 1300 CDC Testing

1330 – 1530 Active Shooter Training, Bldg. 1530 1500 SMSgt Travis Weitzel Retirement, Bldg. 1500 1500 Lt Col David Strickland Retirement (Flag pole) 1500 Airman's Council Meeting, Bldg. 400, Conference Room

Sunday

0700 MXS Commander's Call, Base Theater
0745 3S0 Training (Topic: PDF Line), Bldg 1500
0800 Expeditionary Skills Rodeo Bldg. 1530
0830 CDC Testing
0930 LRS Commander's Call, Base Theater
1230 – 1430 Flu Mist, Bldg. 400, Auditorium
1430 Chief Fenicottero retirement, Bldg 440, Auditorium
1500 Promotions for Dec. UTA due to FSS
1530 Outstanding Airman of the Quarter Presentation,
Base Theater

REMEMBER This schedule is subject to change. Check the current Fragmentory Order for updates.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

SATURDAY (\$5.55)

Main LIne:
Teriyaki Chicken
Baked Stuffed Fish
Pork Fried Rice
AuGratin Potatoes
Asian Blend
Vegetables
Chinese Fried

Vegetable Soup Chicken Noodle Soup

Cabbage

Short Order Line: Sloppy Joe Sandwich Chicken Strips Hamburgers Cheeseburgers SUNDAY (\$9.05)

Main Line: Over Roasted Turkey Honey Glaxed Ham Glazed Sweet Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes
Turkey Gravy

Savory Stuffing Calico Corn

Green Bean Casserole

Short Order Line: Same as above

Desserts: Apple/Pumpkin Pie Mixed Nuts Holiday Candy

IDAHO'S AIRMEN SECURE ENEMY VILLAGE IN A REALISTIC EXERCISE

By Airman 1st Class Skyla Child 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ORCHARD COMBAT TRAIN-ING CENTER, Idaho – The smell of burning flesh pierces the senses of the 124th Security Forces Squadron as they navigate through a gray cinderblock building. Outside, music is being played in the village market, and occasionally the screams of babies can be heard as the Airmen maneuver from building to building, screaming "MOVE!"

Armed with M4 rifles, loaded with dye-marking cartridges, the Airmen attempt to clear the area of local villagers. They use smoke grenades of different, vibrant colors to screen themselves from the enemy ahead.

Shots are fired from rooftops and windows as they try to take control of the rebellious crowd. Villagers are being restrained in zip-tie handcuffs to keep them safe and out of the line of fire.

The Idaho Air National Guard 124 SFS participated in a Field Training Exercise (FTX) Sept. 12 at the Orchard Combat Training Center, a training facility located south of Boise, to prepare for potential deployments and real-life situations.

The 124 SFS split up into two groups for this exercise.

"We have both sides of the roles being played," said Airman 1st Class Annelise Rowe, a force support specialist who was recently selected to be the 124 SFS operations officer. "We have American Airmen coming into a foreign village where there are terrorists who are holding and maintaining the village, and attacking them as they enter."

Security Forces Airmen develop specialized skills daily that prepare them for scenarios like this exercise.

"Skills that they demonstrate on a daily basis such as guarding a base entrance, they're doing that same thing out here maintaining guard at the buildings. It was really awesome to watch the skills they use on a daily basis out here in this training," said Rowe.

The Airmen navigated many different buildings during the

exercise that mimic locations that they potentially would see in a deployment. The buildings were setup to look like homes, shops and there were even secret passageways with jail cells.

Senior Airman Jessica Farrias, a Security Forces Instructor assigned to the 124 SFS said, "It's definitely beneficial because it gives you hands-on training, and you're able to actually effectively figure out how to work with the personnel in our squadron, flight guys and traditionals."

The squadron participated in an exercise earlier this year named Shoot, Move and Communicate. The annual exercise taught close quarters battle training and helped prepare Airmen for this FTX.

Throughout the year, traditional and flight members were being prepared to use their skillsets to effectively communicate and move tactically from position to position in order to accomplish the mission.

The idea for this FTX came from



Staff Sgt. Jonathan R. Finer, a security forces Airmen from the 124th Security Forces Squadron, Gowen Field, Idaho, uses zip-tie handcuffs to restrain Mark Davis, a student flight trainee at Gowen Field, who is portraying a villager during a Field Training Exercise Sept. 12 at the Orchard Combat Training Center, Boise, Idaho. This exercise is designed to prepare Airmen for potential deployments and real-life situations. (Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Skyla Child)



Maj. Phillip Mills, the commander of the 124 SFS.

"This is the very first time anything like this has happened at the base, Maj. Mills came up with the idea and pursued it," said Rowe.

Executing an exercise takes planning, preparation and being able to work together.

"One of the things that the Airmen displayed is teamwork, number one" said Rowe. "They took this mission and spent hours briefing and training on it this morning. The Airmen planned for it, they ran through it mentally and then they implemented the plan. Now they're going to look back and evaluate the effectiveness of their strategies."

"These people are just phenomenal, their enthusiasm for what they do and the pride that they take in their jobs is so evident with everything that they do," said Rowe. "It's a very cool, prestigious job, and I think it's taken for granted. After watching them

today, it's an amazing group of people who are in this squadron. Getting to watch them in action is just great."

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SAVE THE DATE

OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF YEAR BANQUET

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016 RIVERSIDE HOTEL

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or CMSgt Jarod Taylor at jerod.l.taylor.mil@mail.mil

WARRIOR OF THE MONTH

MASTER SGT. BONNIE DAVIS (SEPT)



MASTER SGT. BONNIE DAVIS FAVORITE FOOD

Spaghetti with some ice cream for dessert

HOBBIES

Anything outside, hike, bike, swim, golf, camping, and boating

WHY WERE YOU RECOGNIZED

"We had a group bigger than we have ever had going to basic training at the same time. Each person has an out-processing checklist that is about 10 pages long to complete. The manpower it takes to complete this checklist is significant, sometimes up to one whole day. Instead we were able to sit everyone down in a group and accomplish this checklist all at once. This saved the Idaho Air Guard a significant amount of time and resources."

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MISSION TO THAILAND

MENTORING CADETS

By Lt. Col. Gary A. Daniel Chief, 124th Fighter Wing Public Affars

Proving that there are few limits to where duty may take you in the Idaho Air National Guard, Capt. Teresa Busmann spent five weeks mentoring officer cadets of the Thai military, supplementing a team of mainly active duty Army, near Bangkok, Thailand earlier this year.

Busmann, now the Operations Officer in the 124th Force Support Squadron at Gowen Field, had the time and initiative when serving as the executive officer to the Director of Staff for Air, Idaho ANG. Her team spent the majority of the mission serving at the Armed Forces Academies Preparatory School (AFAPS) outside of Bangkok, Thailand.



Group photo of U.S. Army ROTC Cadets with their Thai Cadet counterparts upon completion of the three week English instruction course.



This mission is important for young cadets to see and experience a culture other than their own prior to their commissioning...a combat zone is not a good learning environment for cultural awareness. It also teaches the cadets how to build foreign relationships with their peers.

She and the other U.S. assembled at Fort Knox, Kentucky meeting up with U. S. Army cadets, completing pre-deployment requirements and going through the Soldier Readiness Process (SRP). The next three weeks were spent in country, and then the last week was spent back at Fort Knox cleaning up paperwork and doing the reverse SRP.

"The purpose of this mission was for Army ROTC cadets to gain an understanding of cultural differences, prior to having to deploy to a combat zone," Busmann said.

The U.S. cadets bonded with the Thai cadets over sports activities like volleyball, basketball, fencing, Muay Thai (Thai boxing) and Thai dance. They tutored their counterparts' English language skills daily.

The Americans enjoyed cultural opportunities found in adventure travel books and the Internet Movie Data Base.

"During the weekend we had to opportunity to travel to Hua Hin where we visited a temple, visited 'Monkey Town' and spent time on the beach, Kanchanaburi Province where we visited an elephant park and the Erawan National Park," Busmann said. "We also traveled to Kanchanaburi where we visited a military museum and the bridge on the River Kwai. Our last weekend was spent in Bangkok seeing the sites and shopping in the open-air markets."

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PASSING THE GUIDON

124TH CIVIL ENGINEERS SQUADRON ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND



Lt. Col. Elizabeth Sumner assumes command of the 124th Civil Engineers Squadron during a ceremony at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho on Oct. 4, 2015. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Allmaras)

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEMBERS OF THE HILLCREST COUNTRY **CLUB VISIT GOWEN FIELD**





Members of the Hillcrest Country Club visited with the 124th Fighter Wing November 3, 2015 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. The visit provided the Idaho Air National Guard the opportunity to showcase some of the many things the Guardsmen work on while supporting both the state and federal missions (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. John Winn)

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DEDICATION CHUBBUCK

NOSE ART REVEALED -

By Lt. Col. Gary A. Daniel Chief, 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

POCATELLO, Idaho--"You guys are truly wingmen to the Idaho Air National Guard," said Col. Shannon Smith, 124th Operations Group commander to the mayors of Chubbuck and Pocatello, Idaho in a brief public ceremony at Pocatello Regional Airport on Oct. 16, unveiling unique artwork on the "Pride of Chubbuck" an A-10C Thunderbolt II jet assigned to the Idaho ANG.

Col. Smith flew his A-10, the "Pride of Pocatello," dedicated earlier this summer, into the airport that morning as wingman. Lt. Col. Kyle Carpenter, instructor pilot, and commander of the 124th Operations Support Squadron flew the "Pride of Chubbuck" as two-ship lead. After the brief ceremony, the public viewed both aircraft up close.

The 124FW is painting community-specific "nose art" on the A-10C aircraft—eventually dedicating each of the 21 Idaho Air National Guard fighter jets assigned to Gowen Field to honor an Idaho community. This Idaho ANG community recognition program acknowledges the support and sacrifices communities and citizens make to defend freedom at home and abroad.

Historically, combat flying squadrons used nose art (creative dedications to specific people, places, or concepts) to personalize combat aircraft and boost unit morale. Artwork was in high demand during World War II, and extravagant creations highlighted unit pride and cohesion.

In this tradition, the United States Air Force allows specialized artwork for aircraft that is dis-"It is an honor to accept this plane," said Kevin England, mayor of Chubbuck. "I hope that tinctive and symbolic to enhance unit morale. those who use this in defense of our country You can view more coverage of this event in the know that we honor them. We're grateful that Idaho State Journal at: http://www.idahostatejourthey honor us with this nose art, but we have a nal.com/members/a--fighter-jet-bears-chubbuck-name/ responsibility as communities to maintain the article_806a934a-0a58-587c-8669-559d7f280638.html things that keep us free. We accept this honor with gratitude and humility." Visitors get an up-close view of an Idaho Air National Guard A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft after the unveiling of nose art and dedication ceremony honoring the City of Chubbuck, Idaho at the Pocatello Regional Airport on Oct. 16, 2015. (Air National

Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



124th Operations Group Commander, Col. Shannon D. Smith with Chubbuck Mayor, Kevin England (left) and Pocatello Mayor Brian Blad (right) address the crowd before unveiling. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)

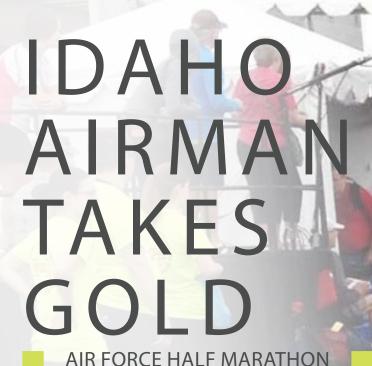


Chubbuck Mayor, Kevin England, Pilot, Lt. Col. Kyle Carpenter, and members of the Chubbuck City Council stand before an Idaho Air National Guard A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft honoring the City of Chubbuck, Idaho. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



Chubbuck Mayor, Kevin England and aircraft Crew Chief, Staff Sgt. T.J. Serafin of the 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron unveil the A-10 Thunderbolt II nose art honoring the City of Chubbuck, Idaho. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)





By Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney 124th Fighter Wing Public Affars

Airman 1st Class Annelise Rowe, a force support specialist who was recently selected to be the 124th Security Forces Squadron Operations Officer, in Boise, Idaho finished in first place military female and third place female in the U.S. Air Force Half Marathon in Dayton, Ohio, on Sept. 19, 2015.

"The entire way, people kept saying, 'You're the second place female!' and wouldn't you know it, I was passed by another girl in the last half mile, who was sponsored—mind you—and a rock star! I didn't let that crush my spirits, however, and ran all the way through the finish, where I was greeted by a Major

General and awarded my finisher medal," said Rowe. "I ended up finishing with a time of 1 hour, 31 minutes, 47 seconds—a 7:01 per-mile average—earning the award for 1st Place Overall Military Female and 3rd Place Overall Female."

Rowe was one of three female runners on the Air National Guard MAJCOM Challenge Team of 10. The ANG team runners were selected from across the nation from a pool of more than 90 applicants and notified in June that they had been selected. There were around 15,000 runners, military and civilian that participated in the Air Force Marathon this year.





a lot of pressure to be the best and compete and win, I really enjoyed running for the fun of it and didn't so much enjoy the competitive aspect," She said.

After graduating college Rowe and her mother started doing fun runs including a few half marathons. Then, when she went to basic training in 2014 where they used an interval training technique, things changed for Rowe.

"In basic training I set a record for the fifth fastest female ever to go through. I had no idea that my run time met that qualification until graduation; I got called up to receive a coin for it," she said. "That style [interval training] of running really clicked with me. When I came home I was a lot faster."

She returned home, continued running races and a short time later was happy to receive an

email calling for runners to apply for the ANG MAJCOM team. To be considered, they had to submit their run time from a half marathon they had participated in within the past year. She registered for a race two weeks later, ran, submitted her time and was selected as one of the ten fastest over 80 other applicants. Since competing in the Air Force Marathon, Rowe continues to train daily.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Rowe, Airman Rowe's husband and 124FW recruiter, said, "She's ridiculously regimented. It's early morning workouts—whether it's running or cross fit workouts—literally every day." Rowe said, "We live a very active lifestyle. When we vacation we don't just sightsee, we take hikes and workout."

She offers three training tips for anyone that has considered running competitively; first, get a plan; second, stick to a schedule; "Your first race doesn't have to be a full marathon, a half marathon or an Ironman—it can be a 5k or jog a 10k but having a training plan is essential," she said. Her training plan includes strength training, running and cross training.

Since the Air Force Marathon, Rowe has participated in several runs including two full marathons in less than a week and even earning Boston Marathon qualifying times in both. She ran the City of Trees Marathon Oct. 12 with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes and the Freakin' Fast Marathon on Oct. 17 winning first overall female with a time of 3 hours, 6 minutes, 58 seconds—a 7:08 per-mile average and her new personal best.

If you'd like to stay up on Rowe's running adventures, visit her AunieSauce blog.



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ALLOWANCES WHEN YOU'RE DEPLOYED

It's important to know your entitlements while deployed.

Here is an overview of your allowances. For more information and a complete list of designated areas for any of the following entitlements, reference DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A.

A-Family Separation Allowance (FSA) is payable only to members with dependents. FSA is payable in addition to any other allowance or per diem, to which a member may be entitled. FSA – T is payable if the member is on temporary duty (TDY) (or temporary additional duty (TAD)) away from the PDS continuously for more than 30 days, and the member's dependents are not residing at or near the TDY station. This includes members who are required to perform a period of the TDY before reporting to their initial station of assignment; prorated at \$250 per month.

Hardship Duty Pay for Location Assignment (HDP-L) is payable to members for either permanent change of station duty or temporary/deployed/attached duty of over 30 days duration in specified locations. This entitlement is payable to both officers and enlisted members when assigned for duty in the locations designated in Figure 17-1, under the conditions set forth in Table 17-1; paid anywhere between \$50 – 150 per month depending on location. Monthly rates include:

Afghanistan	\$100
American Samoa	\$50
Azores	\$50
Bahamas	\$50
Iraq	\$100
Jamaica	\$100
Kuwait	\$50
Madagascar	\$150
Mongolia	\$150
Qatar	\$50
Saudi Arabia	\$150
Turkey	\$100

Hostile Fire Pay (HFP).

This entitlement is paid at the rate of \$225 per month when, as certified by the appropriate commander, a member is: 1. Subjected to hostile fire or explosion of a hostile mine; or 2. On duty in an area in close proximity to a hostile fire incident and the member is in danger of being exposed to the same dangers actually experienced by other Service members subjected to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines; or 3. Killed, injured, or wounded by hostile fire, explosion of a hostile mine, or any other hostile action.

Imminent Danger Pay (IDP)

This entitlement is paid on a daily prorated basis not to exceed \$225 per month when a member is on official duty in a designated IDP area. Areas include: Montenegro, Afghanistan, Colombia, Philippines, Turkey, Iraq, and Greece.

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion

(CZTE) – Military pay not subject to withholding of federal and state income tax to members who perform active duty in a combat zone. Combat zones include: total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.



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J.S. AIR FORC REAMLIN NOITIC

10/9/2015 WASHINGTON, (AFNS) U.S. Air Force officials announced the creation of a new streamlined **Expeditionary Readiness Program** (ERP) governance construct that replaces the current tiered predeployment training model.

The updated program is designed to ensure Expeditionary Readiness Training is relevant, effective, timely, synchronized, standardized and integrated in order to provide combatant commanders with a standard presentation of forces to support specified mission requirements, while maximizing efficiency.

"We recognize the importance of making sure our Airmen's time is used as efficiently as possible," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Personal and professional time invested in readiness

should be done purposefully training at the right time, without and with the goal of improving Airmen's ability to perform their duties in fulfilling global expeditionary requirements."

The ERT concept aligns training cycles with the AEF construct, transitioning some training to meet "justintime" requirements to support deployments, and eliminating most training currently provided in other venues.

"We've heard, listened and responded to Airmen's feedback regarding predeployment training," said Air Force Chief of Staff, General Mark A. Welsh III. "It is my duty and highest priority to ensure our Airmen are prepared to enter any combat environment with the skills needed to be successful and we do that by providing them with the right redundancy."

ERT changes include adding pretests at the beginning of computer based training allowing proficient Airmen to bypass CBTs, aligning predeployment training with the AEF battle rhythm of 36month cycles, and waiving pre deployment training for similar ancillary or functional proficiency training Airmen have already accomplished.

Effective October 1, 2015, the new policy modifications will be captured in a new Air Force Guidance Memorandum that will eventually become a new 10series AFI and will supersede information currently in AFI 362201, Air Force Training Program. The AFGM will be posted on epublications and to myPers.